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### **Community Update From**

### Citizens' Finance Advisory Committee

### **Did You Know?**

- Since 2010, the City budget has been reduced from \$40 million to \$30 million
- Pension reform has been implemented
- Measure B does not increase taxes or create a new tax
- Measure B simply continues existing, voter-approved funding

"Measure B is not a tax on homeowners or property owners – it simply continues an existing, voter-approved one cent sales tax. All proceeds stay local and out-of-town shoppers help pay for public safety and other services supported by these funds."

**Bill Proctor** 

Chair, Citizens' Finance Advisory Committee

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Bill Proctor
Chair
Cathedral City
Citizens' Finance
Advisory Committee

### Dear Neighbor:

I'm writing to update you on Measure B, Cathedral City's Local Control Measure.

Measure B is on the June ballot and continues existing, voter-approved funding to maintain our community's 9-1-1, police, fire and other essential services — with no increase in taxes.

Over the past 5 years, Sacramento politicians have taken nearly \$20 million from Cathedral City.

Measure B will continue to provide the City with a guaranteed source of local funding that cannot be taken by the State.

By law, all Measure B revenues are required to be spent locally for Cathedral City residents — without raising taxes.

Measure B includes tough fiscal accountability provisions to prevent waste, fraud and abuse of public funds. Our Citizens' Finance Advisory Committee will review Measure B funds to ensure voter-approved tax dollars continue to be spent as promised.

For additional information about Measure B, visit www.cathedralcity.gov.

Thank you,

Bill Proctor, Chair

Cathedral City Citizens' Finance Advisory Committee

## **Questions & Answers About Measure B**



#### What is Measure B?

Measure B is on Cathedral City's June ballot and if enacted, simply extends existing, voter-approved local funding without raising taxes.

# **How does Measure B affect Cathedral City?**

Over the past five years, Sacramento politicians have taken about \$20 million from Cathedral City. The City's existing, voterapproved funding measure is expiring and must be extended. Measure B legally requires its funding to be spent locally for Cathedral City residents, with no increase in taxes.

### What happens if we don't extend Measure B?

Without Measure B, Cathedral City will lose more than \$4 million in annual revenue. Cathedral City is one of the few cities in the region with its own local police and fire departments. Measure B maintains our local Cathedral City Police and Fire Departments and other vital local programs — so the needs of residents and local businesses are addressed by people who actually work here.

## What are the services supported by Measure B?

- Maintaining effective 9-1-1 services, police officers and firefighters
- Equipping first responders with bulletproof vests, breathing apparatuses, and protective clothing
- Maintaining a fiscally prudent,
   balanced budget to address the City's
   Fiscal Emergency

### **Does Measure B increase our taxes?**

No. Measure B does not create a new tax or increase taxes. Measure B simply continues funding previously approved by Cathedral City voters to maintain vital city services.

